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## **Blue Opportunities: The Marine Economy in the NPA**

### **The Northern Periphery & Arctic Programme Annual Conference 2017**

#### **21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, Marine Institute, Galway, Ireland ([map](#))**

The NPA Annual Conference 2017 will address Blue Growth as its main theme. The programme not only focuses on the Arctic, but also aims to contribute to the Atlantic Strategy. The conference will address such topics as entrepreneurship and innovation related to fisheries and aquaculture, environmental protection and maritime and coastal tourism.

Galway located on the Atlantic coast is a fitting location. The venue is the Marine Institute, which plays a national coordinating role in the Atlantic Strategy.

### **Conference Programme**

*Participants are invited to join the **welcome dinner** on 20<sup>th</sup> September at 19.30 at Cloonacauneen Castle*

0930 - 1000	Registration
1000 - 1010	<b>Welcome &amp; Conference Opening –</b> <i>Mr. David Minton, Director, North Western Regional Assembly, Ireland (Chair)</i>
1010 - 1030	<b>Official Conference Launch &amp; keynote Address –</b> <i>Mr. Michael Creed, TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food &amp; The Marine</i>
1030 - 1050	<b>Overview of the Marine Institute &amp; EU Programme Engagement</b> <i>Dr. Niall Mc Donough, Director of Policy, Innovation &amp; Research Support, Marine Institute</i>
1050 - 1110	<b>Promoting sustainable blue Growth in the Atlantic and the Arctic: State of play and perspectives –</b> <i>Dr. Bernhard Friess, Director Directorate Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE, European Commission</i>
1110 - 1130	Questions and Answers
1130 - 1200	Coffee Break

- 1200 - 1215      **The Atlantic Maritime Strategy – Cooperation Opportunities with the NPA**  
*Ms. Joanne Laffey, NUI Galway, National Co-Ordination Unit ( Ireland) – Support Team for the Atlantic Action Plan*
- 1215 - 1230      **Measuring the Value of the Atlantic Marine Economy: A Socio Economic Perspective -**  
*Dr. Stephen Hynes, SEMRU, NUI Galway*
- 1230 - 1245      **Blue Opportunities in the North Atlantic: Marine Biomass Cultivation –**  
*Mr. Olavur Gregersen, Managing Director of Ocean Rainforest Sp/F, Faroe Islands*
- 1245 - 1315      **New Funding Opportunities under the NPA Programme**  
*Ole Damsgaard, Joint Secretariat & Regional Contact Points for N. Ireland, Declan Mc Garrigle (SEUPB)*
- 1315 - 1330      Questions and Answers
- 1330 - 1430      LUNCH
- 1430 - 1630      **Marine Projects Showcase**
- 1430 - 1500      **Marine Entrepreneurship**  
*URCHIN (NPA) - Presented by Philip James, Nofima, Norway*  
*SMARTFISH (NPA) – Presented by Ragnheidur Thorarindottir, University of Iceland*  
*<Project name> (Ireland/Wales) – Presented by Ben Dallaghan, BIM - Ireland’s Seafood Development Agency, Ireland*
- 1500 - 1520      **Marine and Coastal Environment**  
*Circular Ocean (NPA) – Presented by Michelle Greene, Macroom-E, Ireland TBC*  
*APP4SEA (NPA) – Presented by Niko Hänninen, University of Oulu, Finland*  
*COMPASS (Ireland/N. Ireland/Scotland) – Presented by Adam Mellor, The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI), Northern Ireland*
- 1520 - 1550      Coffee break
- 1550 - 1620      **Inclusive and Sustainable Growth/Tourism**  
*Cool Route (NPA) – Presented by Breda Kenny, Cork Institute of Technology, Ireland*  
*Atlantic on Bike Project (Atlantic Area) – Pdraig Philbin, Mayo Co. Council, Ireland*  
*Heimabliðni: Home Hospitality - A Faroese Tourism Concept – Jákup Sørensen, Nordic-Atlantic Cooperation (NORA)*
- 1620 - 1645      Questions and Answers
- 1645 - 1700      *Conference Conclusion & Close – David Minton, Director, NWRA*